

(4) London and South

Western:—

1st position, Debenture

Stock A.

2nd " Consolidated

Debenture Stock.

3rd " Consolidated

Guaranteed Stock.

4th " Consolidated

Preference Stock of 1881.

5th " Perpetual

Preference Stock of 1884.

6th " Preference Stock.

7th " Consolidated

Ordinary Stock.

8th " Preferred Converted

Ordinary Stock.

9th " Deferred Converted

Ordinary Stock.

The rent of leased lines ranks *before*
the Debenture Stock
interest.

(5) Great Eastern :—

1st position, Rent of Leased Lines.

2nd " Rent Charge Stock.

3rd " Metropolitan Stock.

4th " Debenture Stocks.

5th " Consolidated

Irredeemable Guaranteed Stock.

6th " Consolidated

Preference Stock.

7th " Preference Stock of
1890.8th " Preference Stock of
1893.

9th " Ordinary Stock.

I repeat a remark—of general application—which I have already submitted. A security, though ranking in order of charge upon an undertaking subsequently to another security in that undertaking may be as acceptable as the latter for all practical purposes; and by "practical purposes" I mean as to the safety of the principal, and the certainty of the punctual payment of the interest. In some securities¹—though not frequently—it is possible to possess a surplusage of margin—a range of security which is needless for the reasonable requirements of practice, and for which accordingly it is not worth while paying in the form of the higher price.

8. Railways other than those in the United Kingdom. This section includes the undertakings in foreign countries, in

America, in the Colonies, and in India.
(a) *Foreign Eailways*. If these be
purchased, and a reason-

¹ As, for example, a Government Security in comparison
with a Municipal Security or a Railway Debenture Stock.